

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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VIA ECF

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JEFF SCHMIDT,

3003 Van Ness Street, NW #W406
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Plaintiff,

-against-

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS,

One Physics Ellipse
College Park, Md. 20740
Prince George's County

Defendant.
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Case No. 04-cv-3774

Judge: Alexander Williams

**AFFIRMATION OF WENDY J. MELLK IN RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO RE-OPEN THE ABOVE CAPTIONED
ACTION**

I, WENDY J. MELLK, an attorney admitted to practice law before the Courts of the State of New York and, *inter alia*, admitted *pro hac vice* to the United States District Court, District of Maryland for purposes of representing Defendant American Institute of Physics in the above-captioned matter, hereby affirm, under penalty of perjury, as follows:

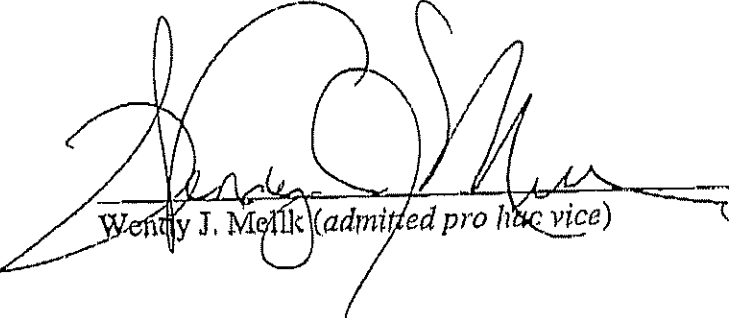
1. I am a member of the law firm Jackson Lewis LLP, counsel for Defendant American Institute of Physics. The following statements are true based upon my own knowledge, review of pertinent documents, and information and belief.

2. I submit this Affirmation in response to, and in clarification of, Plaintiff Jeff Schmidt's Motion to Re-open the above-captioned action for 30 days so that the parties may complete outstanding obligations necessary to finalize settlement of this action. While Defendant does not object to Plaintiff's Motion, we feel it necessary to provide the Court with clarification of the issues at hand.

3. After the execution of the Settlement Agreement in March 2006, Defendant issued a settlement check to Plaintiff. This check was issued for the gross sum of the settlement amount, rather than a net sum reflecting payroll tax deductions. Defendant was unaware that Plaintiff objected to the issuance of the check in this manner until a couple of weeks ago. Regardless, Defendant has agreed to re-issue a settlement check reflecting payroll tax deductions to Plaintiff, and issue a W-2 form at the appropriate time. However, Defendant will do so only after Plaintiff has reimbursed to it the previously paid settlement amount.

4. For purposes of further clarification, and as confirmed by Plaintiff's counsel in the above-captioned action, AIP is not responsible for providing a guaranty to Plaintiff from the Company administering the settlement annuity. The guaranty is not being issued by, or coming from, AIP. Any delay in the issuance of the guaranty is not the fault, or responsibility of, Defendant AIP.

*Affirmed this 7th day
of July, 2006*



Wendy J. Meilk (admitted pro hac vice)